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- All smiles in appearance with hip-hop superstar Jay-Z
- Nutter says 'music is our business' and promises big success partnering with rapper for Labor Day festival

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▶ Mayor Michael Nutter and Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter shared some laughs before announcing the city's second music festival on the Ben Franklin Parkway later this summer.

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‘Must’ve been personal’

Woman found dead in Juniata Park ‘wasn’t a regular person — she was a star’ Family says she didn’t date man who also went missing

Residents of 22-year-old Melanie “Zee” Colon’s North Philadelphia neighborhood and members of the city's LGBT community, in which Colon performed as “DJ Kiss,” called her the “gay Barbie,” her brother Ralphiee said yesterday afternoon.

“She always had to leave the house looking fabulous with her hair done, her makeup looking just right,” he said. “She was my dance partner, everything to me. She wasn’t a regular person — she was a star.”

A passer-by discovered her decomposed body in Juniata Park early Saturday morning. She had been shot six times, family members said. “It must’ve been real personal,” said Colon’s ex-girlfriend Ashley Rivera. “To do something that violent,” she said dissolving into tears.

Police have not yet been able to determine how long Colon’s body laid in the wooded area near Tacony Creek Park and are unsure if the medical examiner will be able to provide more insight.

With that, what began as a joint effort to find Colon and Reynaldo “Chino” Torres, 43, who together went missing last Tuesday night after leaving her home in his 1983 Mazda, ended in tragedy for one family and cast a pall of suspicion over the other.

“We shared information at the beginning,” Colon’s stepmother Marybell Colon said. “We saw it as two people missing and we acted on that immediately. They are both somebody’s child.”

But the families’ relationship soon changed, she said, after Torres’ empty car turned up in Feltonville. Marybell claims that Torres’ sister told her family members moved the vehicle from Second Street and Roosevelt Boulevard to Front and West Rockland streets, where police recovered it. “That’s a concern to us, why they did that,” she said. “If there was evidence, we didn’t want it to be touched, but it was.”

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▶ Melanie Colon was a popular DJ from Kensington who friends called the “gay barbie.”

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“His family has answers. ... I pray and I pray they will find him because we need this closure for our daughter.”
ZORAIDA MIRANDA, MELANIE’S MOTHER

“I can’t breathe anymore. I can’t talk to her kid. He thought the balloons [in the memorial] were for her birthday — next Thursday would’ve been her 23rd birthday. ... We expected to give her flowers on Mother’s Day, not a medical exam determining her cause of death.”
MARYBELL COLON, MELANIE’S STEPMOTHER

Still searching for Torres

Four days after she went missing, a passer-by stumbled on Colon’s decomposed body less than a mile and a half away from Torres’ vehicle. Torres’ whereabouts are still unknown.

“He was a man she knew and trusted to run errands,” Marybell said, adding that the two were not romantically involved and that Colon had a boyfriend in New Jersey. “She trusted him enough to leave with him that day. She trusted him enough to bring her back and he didn’t.”

Police said both families have been cooperative and that Torres is still being treated as a missing person.

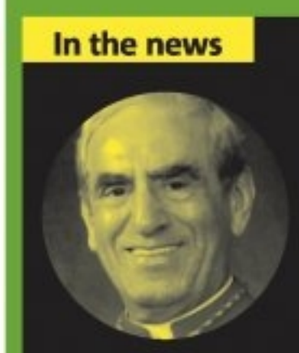
“Hopefully we can locate him and he can shed some light on it,” Lt. Jim Miller of East Detectives said.

In the news

Body found by the sea

A New Jersey Public Works supervisor found a man’s body on a beach yesterday morning, according to a report from The Press of Atlantic City. The 60-year-old was discovered near the shoreline around 5:30 a.m. Police told the paper that his body showed no obvious signs of trauma. An autopsy is reportedly scheduled for today. METRO/AW

In the news



Bevilacqua lied?

A former lawyer for the Philadelphia Archdiocese testified during the alleged priest abuse trial yesterday that deceased former Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua lied to him when the attorney inquired about a document from the 1990s listing 35 potentially dangerous priests. Bevilacqua and some aides never gave attorney Tim Coyne the list, he testified according to reports.

Lengthy prison term for city man’s straw deals

PHILADELPHIA. A man was sentenced to four to 24 years in prison yesterday after pleading guilty to buying handguns and selling them to city criminals on at least eight separate occasions.

Jose Cruz was arrested by the Gun Violence Task Force and charged as a “straw purchaser” after police found one of the guns he bought in a drug house, according to the district attorney's office. He was paid a total of $1,900 for the firearms. METRO/AW

$1,900 Price Cruz paid for the numerous firearms, five of which remain on the street, according to authorities

▶ One of the suspects

Hooded men take $100K in Society Hill robbery

SOCIETY HILL. Police released surveillance footage yesterday showing a brazen noontime burglary of a home in a ritzy Philadelphia neighborhood on April 30 that netted three men $100,000 in cash and jewelry.

The suspects, all wearing gray hoodies and dark pants, parked a black SUV at Sixth and Cypress streets around 8:10 a.m. They spent over four hours casing the neighborhood and forced their way into a home on the 500 block of Spruce Street through a side window at about 12:40 p.m.

They then pried a safe, whose contents were valued in the triple digits, from the house’s floor, loaded it in the rear of their car and fled south on Sixth Street. METRO/AW

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Philly, aka 'music town,' will host Jay-Z concert

Hip-hop's biggest star to host two-day festival to Ben Franklin Parkway in September ◗ Mayor Nutter, 'Hova' hold lovefest press announcement

Nothing says "Made In America" like a self-made, millionaire rapper.

Jay-Z, arguably the most popular hip-hop artist in the country, graced the Philadelphia Art Museum yesterday to announce "Budweiser Made in America," a two-day music festival that he will headline here on Sept. 1 and 2. The event will feature nearly 30 artists — the lineup will be revealed next Monday — who will perform across three stages on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway.

"We could not be more excited," said Mayor Michael Nutter in a press conference yesterday, where he shared the stage with Jay-Z. "Philadelphia is a great music town, everybody knows that."

Jay-Z was greeted with high-pitched cheers from his adoring fans who crowded the famed "Rocky" steps, hoping for a picture and maybe a hand slap. One fan yelled out that Jay-Z was the greatest, to which the rapper replied, "I agree."

Jay-Z didn't say exactly why he chose Philadelphia as the host city. However, he did praise the city's spirit and cited his relationship with Overbrook Entertainment, a joint venture with Will Smith to develop and produce movies. Philadelphia-born rapper Freeway also joined Jay-Z on stage.

"Everybody knows my love affair with Philly from the great artists I've signed from here," Jay-Z said. "It's going to be a great day in Philly."

Nutter said the rapper "embodied the rags-to-riches American dream."

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▶ Fans crowded a press conference in front of the art museum.

"Music is our business. ... To have Jay-Z here — he is the pre-eminent artist, producer, businessperson in the country — we are honored. We are thrilled. We are excited. And I promised him it'll be a good time."
NUTTER

Drawing on celebrity

Buried among the masses was a local artist brandishing an oversized portrait of Jay-Z and Beyonce.

Mark G., a 48-year-old artist and illustrator who lives in West Philadelphia, had every fan in attendance sign it. Then, through a public relations person, he offered the portrait to Jay-Z.

He said it took him two hours — one to sketch Jay-Z, the other for Beyonce — to draw.

"Let him take it home. It's a nice Philly love piece for him," Mark G. said.

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5. On May 30, check out all the images live on the site.

Apple founder: I'll buy Facebook, whatever the price

Apple Inc. co-founder Steve Wozniak said he will buy shares in Facebook when the social networking company sells stock to the public in what may be a record initial public offering for an Internet business.

Wozniak, who built the first Apple computer with Steve Jobs and co-founded the company with him in 1976, said he would buy Facebook's stock regardless of its valuation.

Facebook plans to raise as much as $11.8 billion in an IPO scheduled for Thursday

"I would invest in Facebook," Wozniak said in an interview with Bloomberg Television in Sydney yesterday. "I don't care what the opening price is."

Wozniak is chief scientist at Fusion-io Inc., a maker of flash-memory technology. The Salt Lake City-based company counts Facebook as its biggest customer.

Facebook makes up 36 percent of Fusion-io's revenue, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. BLOOMBERG

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Humanities meets The Hulk: What superheroes can teach us

What does our love of superhero movies like 'The Avengers' say about society? La Salle professors discuss comics and culture Graphic novels provide rich fodder for literary criticism

▶ The Hulk smashes his way into the halls of academia.

One of this summer's most anticipated movies, "The Avengers," is out already. This special-effect-heavy, all-star take on the Marvel superheroes was written and directed by geek god Joss Whedon.

Why do people love superheroes — not just the Marvel kind, but also characters by J.R.R. Tolkien or J.K. Rowling? "All superhero stories have one thing in common," says Craig Franson, assistant professor of English at LaSalle University. "They're all about wish fulfillment. But it's a mistake to lump them all together as though they're all the same thing."

Take Iron Man, one of the Avengers, for instance. "Iron Man is a weapons system with real human intelligence — he's like a high-tech weapon with a heart," Franson says. "The wish fulfillment says something about our perceptions today of government, industry and the military."

This is typical of comic books and graphic novels over the last 20 years or so, Franson says. "They've become a very complex art form. That diversity has started filtering into how these stories are told in TV shows and films."

Their complexity makes them a legitimate subject for academic study. "In the literary criticism class I teach, we spend the second half of the semester on 'Watchmen,'" he says, referencing the graphic novel by Alan Moore. "Students quickly realize there's a lot of rich material there — psychoanalysis, post-structuralism, Marxism."

Andrew Dolan of LaSalle's Religion Department also studies superheroes. He says: "Superheroes are usually not accountable to anyone but themselves. However, unlike those with unchecked power in the real world, superheroes actually adhere to a moral code that proscribes exploitation or abuse of those without power. All-too-frequent news of corruption among government and church leaders helps create a vacuum for heroes, if only in our imagination."

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Education in brief

IT and health care expected to grow

The value of your education depends, of course, on what you study. Some fields pay better than others, and certain fields are expected to experience growth over the next decade.

In general, it is expected that the economy will continue to move from producing goods to providing jobs. The two service areas projected to have the most significant growth are information technology and health care services.

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▶ Health care is still growing.

For detailed information about just about any occupation you can think of — including employment prospects, salaries, training needed and what the job actually involves — go to the Bureau of Labor's Occupational Outlook Handbook at www.bls.gov/oco/.

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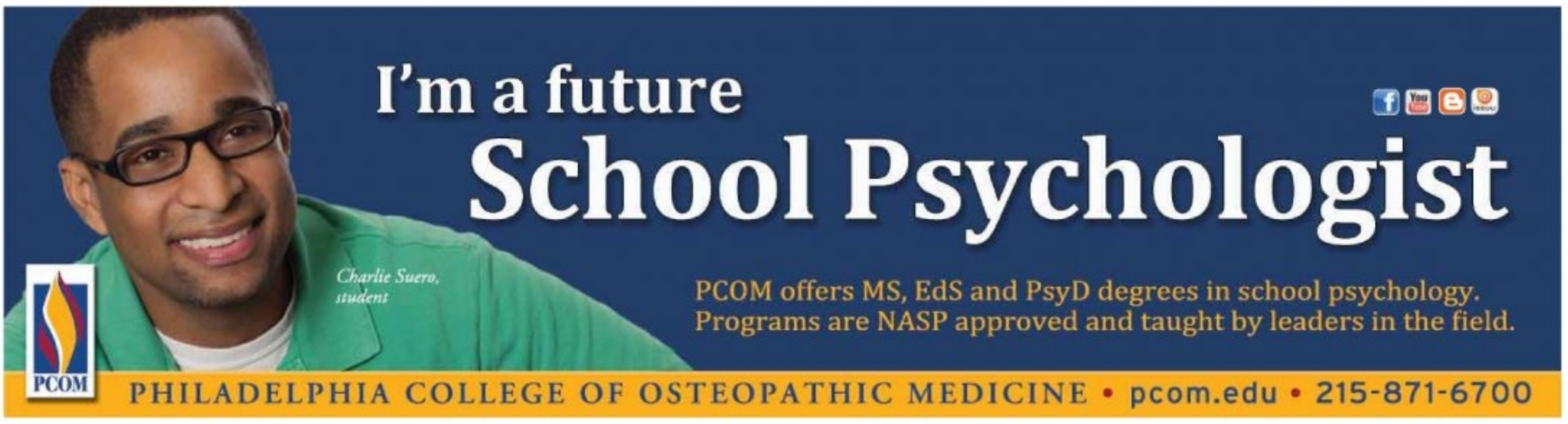
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Temple students donate year-end dorm overflow

Don't toss that ramen! Campus program allows students to recycle items they don't want to take home

Like dorm-dwellers everywhere, Temple University students end up acquiring stuff over the course of the school year that they don't necessarily want to schlep home. Instead of throwing it away, they can participate in the Give + Go Green program organized by the university's offices of Residential Life and Sustainability.

Students can donate useful items of all kinds. "We set up collection centers in the lobbies of all our residence halls," says Jim Poole, assistant director of residential life, who spearheads the program. The bins were already full to overflowing before final exams even started.

Many schools, including Penn, have similar programs to keep these items out of the waste stream. Temple's program is different because rather than selling the goods in a yard sale, they donate them directly to agencies that can use them.

Nonperishable food goes to Philabundance; clothing, furniture and home goods go to Goodwill; electronics go to the campus computer recycling center; and art and office supplies, like pens, paper, binders and clips, go to Temple's internal office-supply swap.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

▶ Give + Go Green helps dorm furniture find a new home.

"The biggest problem, though, has been area rugs," Poole explains. "The residence halls have tile floors, so we have hundreds of these, thousands." The rugs weigh a lot, so diverting them from the waste stream was a priority. Temple is now partnering with Revolution Recovery of Northeast Philadelphia to recycle them.

This is the third year of Temple's campus-wide program, after a small-scale pilot four years ago. They diverted 12,000 pounds of material from the waste stream in 2010 and 14,000 pounds in 2011. Poole hopes to hit 15,000 pounds this year. "It would be OK with me if the number went down, though," he says. "That would mean that people were shopping smarter and consuming less."

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Graduation ceremonies going viral

With fewer students and family participating in commencement, some schools take the ceremony online Facebook vs. face to face: Which builds lasting connections?

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"I wanted to give the graduates something to take home. We offer paid photos, but we wanted to do something free and fun for everybody. Plus, we liked the idea of having something that our graduates could connect back to us after they graduate."
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Over the last five years, Florida International University has been attempting to draw more students and families into its commencement ceremonies via the Web. It began with a simple video stream of the main ceremony, overseen by a technical support staff of one: social media coordinator Betsy Soler.

But this year, Soler gave a battalion of IT and marketing students specific instructions to take FIU commencement viral.

Each interdepartmental ceremony was posted on YouStream, but Soler's team's main focus was creating as many free, professional-quality Facebook-, Flickr- and Twitter-ready images as possible. Every student had the opportunity to pose for as many photos as they wished, and all of the photos featured the FIU logo prominently. With nearly 4,300 students walking, the idea generated an enormous boost to FIU's Facebook presence.

"I wanted to give the graduates something to take home. We offer paid photos, but we wanted to do something free and fun for everybody," says Soler. "Plus, we liked the idea of having something that our graduates could connect back to us after they graduate."

Washington and Jefferson College — a small liberal arts school just outside of Pittsburgh — has no intention of making its commencement ceremony more Web-friendly.

While schools around the country are pulling out all the stops to boost flagging commencement participation, W&J's 100 percent participation rate is holding strong, without going online. In 2012, all 320 graduating students donned the cap and gown. The reason is simple: At W&J, if you don't walk — live and in person — you don't graduate.

"We focus on relationships. We build it right from the beginning, so to be there in person is, to us, a very important part of that," says James M. Sloat, associate dean for assessment and new initiatives. "We're very intentional about how we bring people into the community, so it's so important to us that they continue that relationship with us right up to the moment they graduate."

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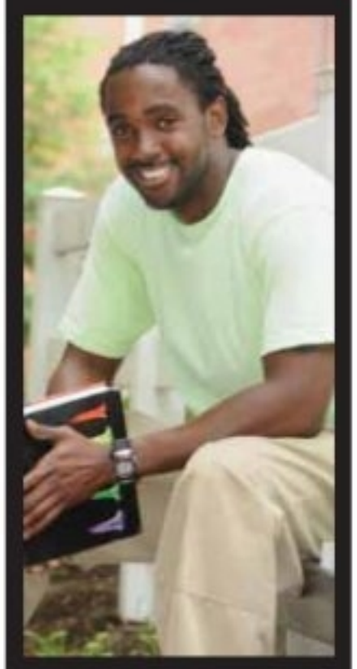

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Bryn Mawr College
Mary Robinson, first female president of Ireland
Chestnut Hill College
Dave Roberts, longtime weathercaster for Channel 6
Gwynedd-Mercy College
Charles Ramsey, Philadelphia Police Commissioner
Haverford College
Robert Bollinger, founder and director of the Johns Hopkins Center for Clinical Global Health Education
Sylvia Earle, explorer-in-residence of the National Geographic Society

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First female president of Ireland Mary Robinson spoke at Bryn Mawr.

Penn State Brandywine
Howard Stoeckel, president and CEO of Wawa Inc.
Penn State Great Valley
Lorene Cary, founder and executive director of Art Sanctuary
Philadelphia University
Jim Ellis, swim coach who works with at-risk teenagers and subject of the 2007 Terrence Howard film "Pride"
Rosemont College
Jane Golden, executive director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program
Saint Joseph's University
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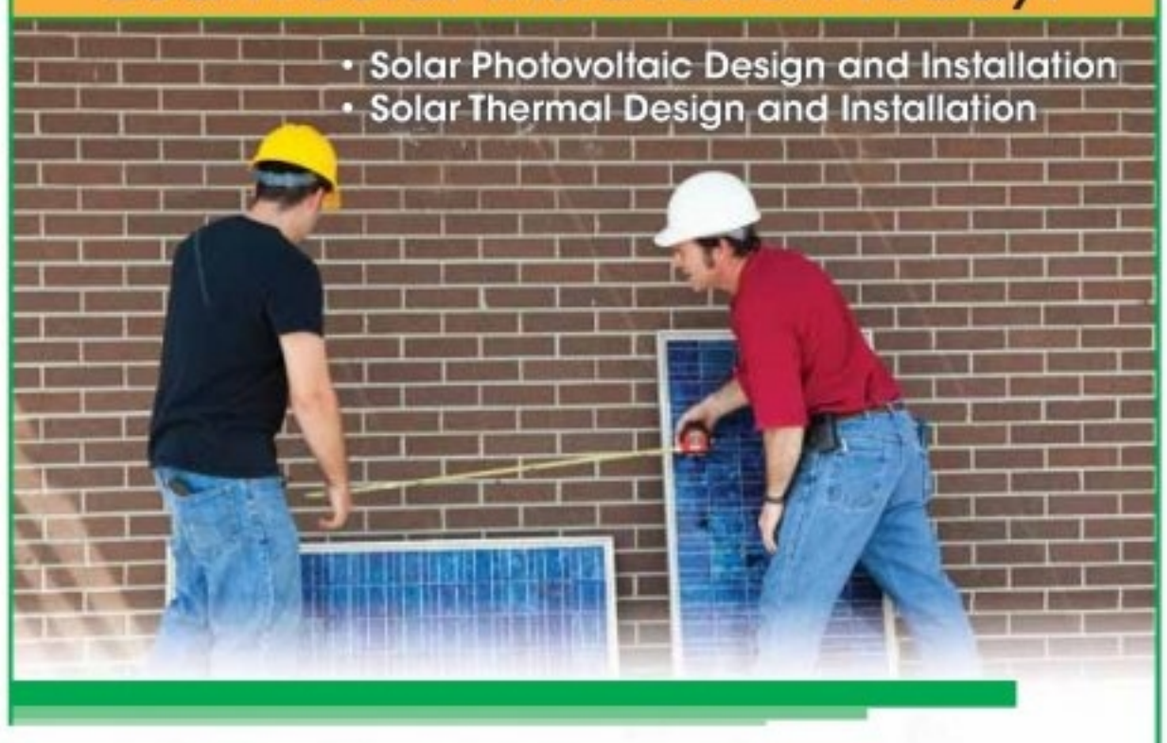

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@SimonCowell
As the moon is so close to the earth I think it's making a few people go nuts.

@lindsaylohan
sorry! doing a bunch of things on the internet at once!!! xo

@ConanOBrien
I'm just like the Hulk, except when I'm mad, I get dry mouth.

It's official: Britney Spears and Demi Lovato sign on to 'X-Factor'

Simon Cowell and **L.A. Reid** finally have some company at "The X Factor" judges table. At their upfront presentation yesterday, Fox confirmed rumors that **Britney Spears** and **Demi Lovato** have signed on to the singing competition's second season. "I'm absolutely delighted Britney and Demi are joining us," said Cowell in a statement. "Britney remains one of the biggest stars in the world. ... And I believe she knows exactly how to spot the X Factor."

We want to agree. In theory, Spears makes perfect sense: She's a high-profile star ready for a comeback, especially one with some disaster insurance. But, even though we've watched her make Starbucks runs in her pajamas, we can't say with certainty that we've ever heard Britney Spears talk.

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▶ Spears

▶ Lovato

▶ Pauly D

Pauly D enters the booze biz

Pauly D of "Jersey Shore" infamy has a new line of cocktails in the works, and it looks like the venture will fare better than the Situation's protein-laced vodka (this is a real thing — jokes that gross don't make it to print).

The reality star has partnered with the team behind the popular Skinnygirl Cocktails for REMIX, a series of vodka-based drinks, and it's off to a promising start, reports TMZ. At the Wine & Spirits Wholesalers convention, sources tell the site that it sold more cases than Skinnygirl managed to move in 18 months.

This seems like the closest thing to "happily ever after" that "Jersey Shore" will ever offer — we'll take it.

Houston family headed to TV

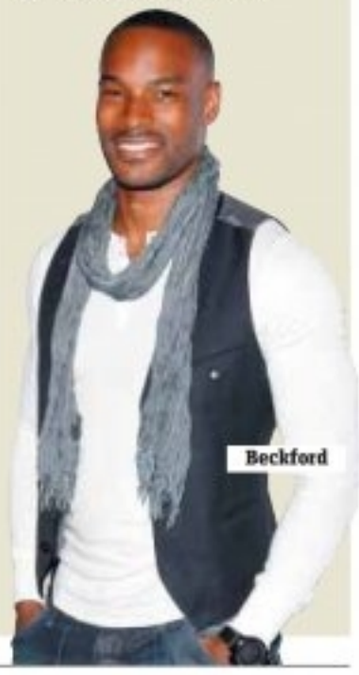
Lifetime has picked up "The Houston Family Chronicles," a reality series following **Whitney Houston**'s family and friends. "The tragic loss of Whitney Houston left a void in the hearts of people all over the world, but certainly none more so than her beloved family," says executive vice president of programming **Rob Sharenow** in a press release that name-checks sisterhood, healing and other motivating factors for the series that aren't money.

Beckford: Sorry for the sex-tape letdown

Tyson Beckford doesn't want you to watch his sex tape, but it's not because he's embarrassed about it.

After a tape of him performing, um, solo hit the market, the former Polo model took to Twitter. "Don't even faze me. We all do it, just mine got caught on film," he said of the footage, which was intended for the sparkly eyes of a fellow model friend.

He is, however, concerned that you won't get your money's worth: "Not much of a sex tape," he admitted.



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Europe for the win: 'Men in Black,' the Boss and puppies

1: We love the top of this dress that **Jada Pinkett Smith** stepped out in for the "Men in Black 3" premiere in Spain on Sunday. Let's forget the bottom happened and remember it this way.

2: Today in cute princes nuzzling cute dogs: **Prince Harry** took some time to bond with **Will** and **Kate's** pup **Lupo** after playing in a charity polo game on Sunday.

3: We can't quite explain why, but wax figures are at their creepiest when depicting an 86-year-old monarch. **Elizabeth II**'s **Madame Tussauds** sculpture made its debut in London yesterday.

4: The good guys dress in black: "Men in Black 3" stars **Josh Brolin** and **Will Smith** hit the red carpet together.

5: Rihanna took a stroll through New York on Sunday — people noticed.

6: We don't know where she was hiding for the past five years, but **Mandy Moore** surfaced at the "TRON: Uprising" press event at DisneyToon Studios over the weekend.

7: Also in Spain on Sunday: **Bruce Springsteen**. The Boss and the E Street Band performed at the Olympic Stadium in Seville.

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Stuff Justin Halpern

The author of best-selling book 'S— My Dad Says' releases his second memoir, 'I Suck at Girls,' today How his father is handling all the fame

Justin Halpern has become a national phenomenon due to the curse-laden advice of his father. Unemployed and living with his parents in his late 20s, Halpern began the now legendary Twitter account "S— My Dad Says" which then became a book and even a TV show (which has since been cancelled). But Halpern is bouncing back with a hilarious and heartbreaking memoir of all of the times he screwed up in romantic relationships, fittingly titled "I Suck at Girls." We asked him to recount some of those cringe-worthy moments.

This book deals with some of the most embarrassing moments you've had in dating. Which one was the most traumatic for you?

I think — probably as silly as this sounds — after I lost my virginity. I thought it was going to be this seminal point in my life where I was going to become a man, and it just ended so anticlimactically. … I was 20 years old and I wanted to have a relationship that was really cool — the kind you see on TV. I feel like there's a lot of different media out there that talks about "with each relationship you learn something and you move on" and all this kind of stuff. I look at love as this kind of series of really humiliating experiences that end in pain and then hopefully at the end, you have one victory.

Given that your dad was largely responsible for your first success, did you hesitate to include him in the stories, as you did here?

He's such a big part of my life that if he was prominent in the story, then I was going to put him in it. And he also is much more adept at framing things in a way that I never could. He has this very unique and interesting way of dishing out advice, even if he hates it when I call it that.

What's next for you?

We've sold this book as a show — we wanted to do a "Wonder Years"-y type thing set in the early '90s that was a little bit more focused on these 13- and 14-year-old kids learning about women. The early '90s were the last innocent moments this country really had. You can just Google and find porn anywhere now, but back in the day, there was still mystery left, even speaking about women anatomically. I didn't know how they worked.

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How does your dad feel about his fame?

There's definitely been a trajectory. At first he really didn't care, did not give a s— at all. And then it was the source of amusement. Now he's sort of settled into the fact that he is that way, and he kind of enjoys it but doesn't think about it often. I think with this one, he just really liked hearing stories from my perspective of things that he remembered.

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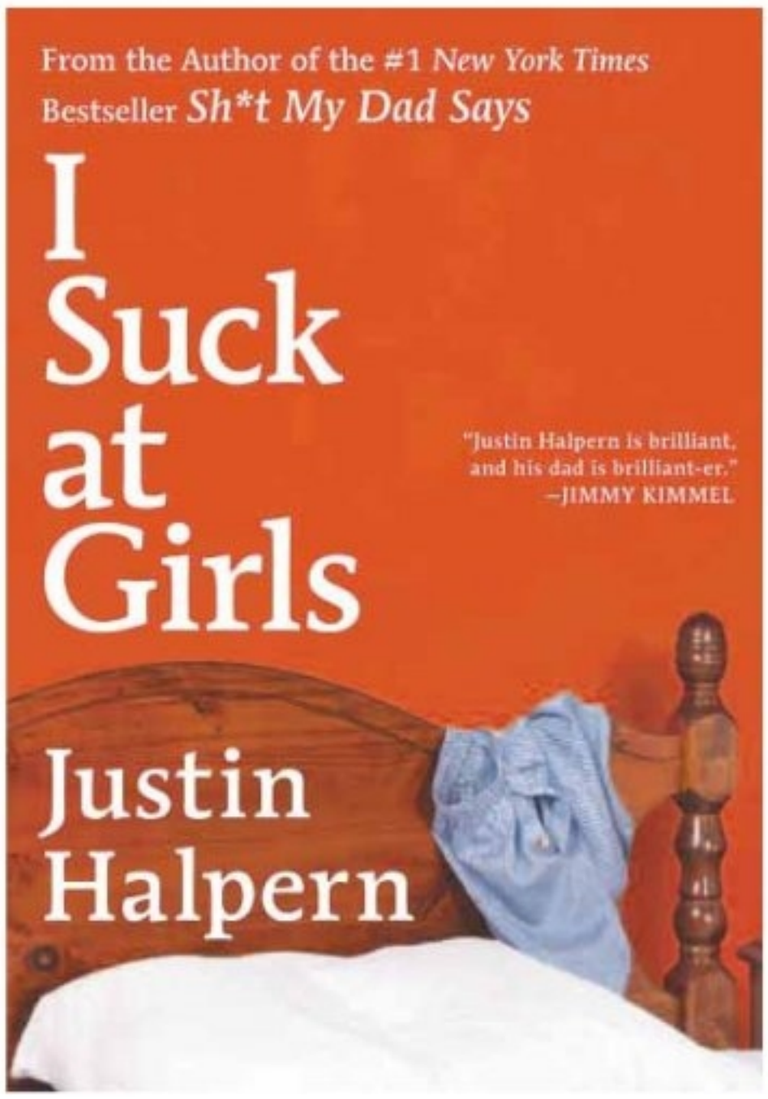
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COMEDY. New Directions performs for guest judge Lindsay Lohan at nationals — as if Lindsay Lohan were the kind of class act teens should be seeking approval from. 8 p.m., Fox

'Pregnant in Heels'

REALITY. OK, reality TV conspiracy theorists, here are the details: "Pregnant in Heels" star Rosie Pope gave birth on Sunday, which was Mother's Day, which was just two days before the show's Season 2 premiere. A little too coincidental, right? Season premiere, 10 p.m., Bravo

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Rosie Pope's tips on how to find the perfect nanny

Finding the perfect nanny for your child can be a long and stressful process. Rosie Pope, a mom herself (she gave birth to her first daughter on Sunday, Mother's Day!) and the star of Bravo's "Pregnant in Heels," which premieres its second season on Bravo tonight at 10 p.m., offers tips on how to go about the sitter search.

1. Find someone who you can envision spending a whole lot of time with

Pope stresses that a nanny is part of your family. "These people are going to come in your home and be with your children and help raise them," she says. "[A parent] must respect them and treat them like family. Parents and nannies should have a fluid relationship, not one that they come for a few hours of the day and there's no communication beyond that."

2. Learn who they are as adults

It's important that parents get to know their prospective nannies, Pope says. "Take the time to get to know them, like you're dating them," she says. She recommends going out to dinner alone, without the children. Once parents and nannies get to know each other as adults and respect one another, the nanny can meet the children.

Pope

3. Gauge your nanny's thoughts on playtime

Parents should always ask nannies about the importance of play. According to Pope, it is important for the development of the child for the nanny to have the energy and desire to play with the children.

"A nanny should be someone that is mature enough, that has been through life and is responsible, but still has enough energy to run after children," Pope says. "In addition to that, they should be extremely nurturing and loving."

4. Look for someone who can stay awhile

"It's important to keep a nanny as long as possible," Pope says. She recommends parents look for a nanny who will be good with babies but also with toddlers, preschoolers and even older children.

"They should be good with education, reading and language, but also be nurturing to a baby," she says.

5. Remember: You're not searching for a housekeeper

A nanny's focus should always be the children. The nanny is not there to clean and keep things tidy. "If you ask too many things of the nanny, then their focus won't be on the kids," Pope says.

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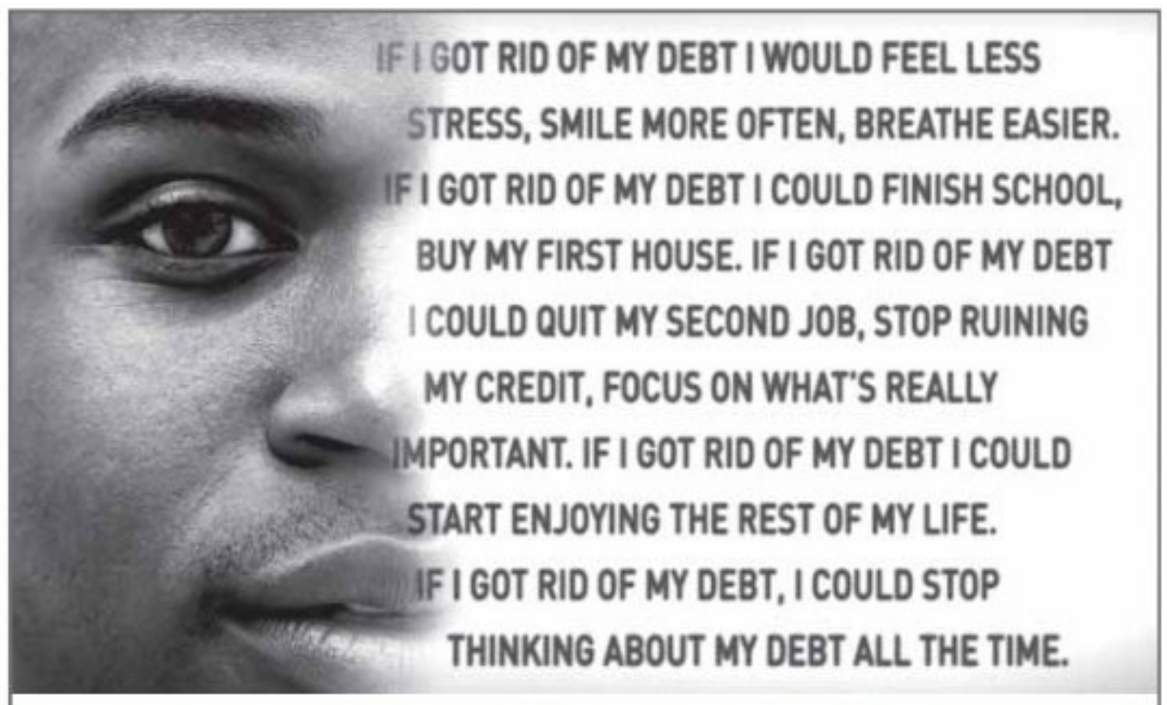
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Gay marriage rights backlash backlash

Ahem. I believe Mr. Hemphill has it exactly backwards. Marriage is a secular contract to protect children and property. Millions of couples worldwide and in the United States get married at the equivalent of City Hall. One may choose to sanctify marriage vows, but is not required to be legally binding. By the way, who married Adam and Eve?
WALLIS COOPER, VIA E-MAIL

I was thrown back by the words of Ms. Nicole Pearsall when she stated that she would not vote for Obama because of his recent endorsement of gay marriage. Shame on you, Ms. Pearsall. As a black woman, you of all people should be sensitive on issues of inequality and oppression. I think that you need to do some serious soul-searching to see if you even have one.
MICHAEL HAMILL, VIA E-MAIL

To those submissions filled with such blind hatred and bigotry, I am disgusted and embarrassed to say I live anywhere near you. Marriage is an institution created by man, and has since evolved to take its appropriate place in our 21st century ideals and social evolution. How dare you deprive people of this right? It's 2012, and I can't even believe this is still an issue. **ALEX J. LOMBARDI, VIA E-MAIL**

I don't know how any minority — and truth be told we are all minorities — can deny the civil rights of another human being (remember, the federal government prohibited interracial marriage until 1967). In one of my first college courses, the professor told us that we can proselytize any ideology, but it must be researched first. An Irish Catholic girl wanted to distribute pro-KKK material in one class. The professor told the girl to research what the KKK was rallying against in the 1920s in Massachusetts, and upon doing so, she could distribute whatever she liked. Once she discovered that the KKK was rallying against Catholics, she dropped her case. It's amazing what learning a little history can do against discrimination.
STEPHEN WATSON, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Hemphill's comments espouse the common misguided view of the religious right and the anti-LGBT movement: that marriage is in fact a purely religious institution. Until marriage stops carrying with it a host of government-supported economic and legal benefits, it will remain a subject to discussion in secular circles. **BEN MACKALL, VIA E-MAIL**

Irrespective of how people think and feel with regard to gay marriage, it is worth pointing out that marriage originally was a business transaction — a simple transference of property. The bride was considered the property of her father who brokered a contract with the father of the groom exchanging the bride and her dowry in order to gain social position, land and an alliance between warring factions or to bring families and nations together.
CHER HEARN, PHILADELPHIA

The cognitive dissonance in here is as thick as pea soup! Stop fighting the same old discredited fight. Stop making the false equivalence that it's either their rights or yours. Be on the right side of history, and err on the side of freedom.
JEFF KILBURN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It is important for you to mingle with new people whenever you can, but this doesn't mean you should ignore pals of long standing in favor of someone new, either.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Even though your first inclination may be to sidestep a challenging issue, once you take it on, you'll handle it well and add to your quality reputation.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It's wonderful that your enthusiasms will be so easily aroused, but you must be careful that in your zeal for accomplishment you don't do a slipshod job in the process.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Don't hesitate to be a bit adventurous, because there is a good chance you'll discover — both to your surprise and pleasure — some hidden talents that you didn't know you possessed.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is a good chance that instead of meeting issues head-on, you are likely to seek postponement whenever you can. If you focus on finding too many excuses, you'll end up behind the eight ball.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If you're too eager to get everything done as quickly as possible, chances are you'll be inviting problems. Pace yourself.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** You're likely to be much happier getting involved in minor, fun and different diversions than you will with activities that involve big crowds.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Get that chip off your shoulder when dealing with authority figures. Everything will go much smoother if you rely instead on your wonderful sense of humor.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be careful of suggestions offered by companions — they could be selfishly motivated. Carefully evaluate all proposals before moving in a specific direction.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** It behooves you to be bold and enterprising in order to make profit-generation much easier than usual. Capitalize on everything you can.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Try to delegate as few assignments as possible, because there is no one who can look out for your interests better than you.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It's foolish to sweep an unpleasant yet important project under the rug in hopes that someone else will take care of it. Prompt attention to duty is the only real solution.
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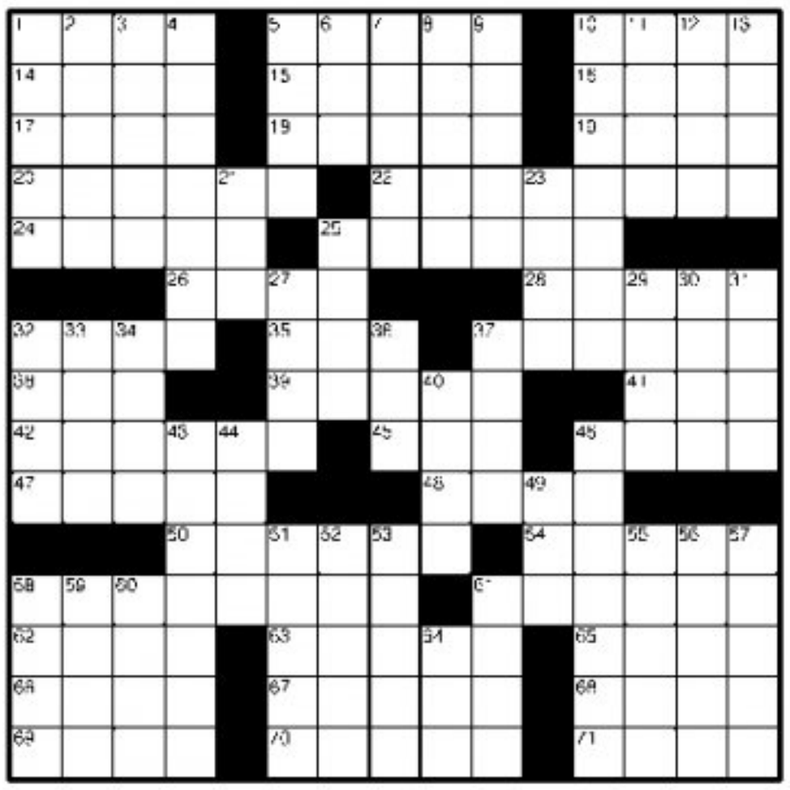

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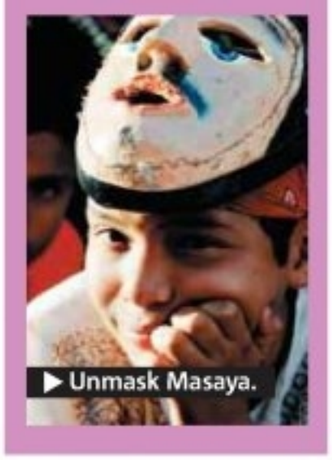

▶ Unmask Masaya.

Although Nicaraguans seem to not like their country being compared to Costa Rica, the potential for Nicaragua to level the playing field in Central American tourism is growing. Both boast rich biodiversity, adventure excursions and stunning coastlines — but unlike its more popular neighbor, Nicaragua is still developing after years of political upheaval. But what it lacks in infrastructure, it makes up for in possibility. We highlight four of Nicaragua's Pacific region attractions.

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Dine in: Managua
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Shop in: Masaya
Spend hours and cordobas, the national currency, perusing stalls for souvenirs at the Masaya market. Skilled craftsmen hock wares of all kinds: leather goods, pottery, hammocks, marimbas and carved masks that celebrate the nation's folkloric history. Trade haggling for a hike through dry tropical forests at nearby Masaya Volcano. At its summit, pungent gas billows from the crater stinging your nose and pumice gravel collects in your sandals.

Stay in: Granada
There's a reason backpackers and cyclists tread these stone streets. Peer through the ornate metal gates of Moorish buildings painted every color imaginable for a slice of the slow-paced life inside. Outside at night, older folks socialize in rocking chairs while young couples make out on cathedral steps. Wake up in the center of it all with a traditional Nica breakfast — rice and beans, eggs, cheese and tortillas — at the immaculately preserved **Dario hotel (www.hoteldario.com)**.

Party in: San Juan del Sur
Shuttle from **Casa Oro (www.casaeloro.com)** to nearby Playa Remanso, a quiet beach for beginners to get their feet wet. When you return to the city indulge in a frozen chocolate banana or chill out with an iced coffee at **Gato Negro**, a library, cafe and all-around gringo outpost. Restore body and mind with **Zen Yoga (www.zenyoganicaragua.com)**. Keep the flow going at **El Colibri**, a charming Mediterranean restaurant that's always crowded but worth the wait.

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CITY COACHES MAKE FOR A TERRIBLE SALAD

Philadelphia is enjoying the salad days of coaching and managing — four renowned leaders guiding our teams and carrying our dreams. There's only one problem. The lettuce is wilting. The croutons are stale. The salad is going bad.

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Charlie Manuel, Andy Reid, Peter Laviolette and Doug Collins all have one unfortunate thing in common. They are overrated, in their city and in their sports. Their impressive reputations are no match for their recent results. Their talk of impending championships sounds more like a fantasy every day.

Manuel, our only recent champion, said last week that he had been planning to talk to his underperforming team for at least 10 days, "but I don't know what to say." He is in his eighth season here, has worked with the core of the team for most of that time, and he can't find the words to wake them up?

Quoted

Andy Reid may be coaching for his job, but most fans can't believe he's still here.

Of course, the next day he not only found the words but delivered them behind closed doors after a gut-punch of a three-game sweep by the Mets. The Phillies responded by beating San Diego two out of three. With the abysmal Astros and Cubs next, this new winning direction could continue for a while, but it doesn't explain Manuel's terrible performance so far.

Last week, the manager ordered Placido Polanco to bunt the potential winning run to third base so that Freddy Galvis (.189) and Erik Kratz (.000) could try to drive it in. After that game, the manager said the Phils had already blown seven or eight games they should have won. He didn't specify how many of those were the result of his own mindless strategy.

▶ Reid

Laviolette, who won a Stanley Cup six years ago, admitted that he had no answers to the smothering defense of the Devils, who buried the Flyers four straight times to ruin another season. Laviolette's loud, passionate style has a built-in expiration date on it. It looks like the young players are already tuning him out.

Reid may be coaching for his job, but most fans can't believe he's still here. He needed four meaningless wins to finish 8-8. He still can't manage the clock, still can't make adjustments and still can't hold a news conference without embarrassing the organization. Does anybody believe the new season is going to be different?

Despite the emergence of Collins as our coaching golden boy, smart fans know the truth. He snuck past the first round of the playoffs because of injuries, but he still has no idea how to use his guards and has done nothing to improve them, especially Evan Turner. He does cry well at news conferences, though.

Four leaders, four big names, and one disappointment after another. Well, here's a wild prediction. One year from now, all four of them will be gone.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 to 10 a.m.*

Iguodala still an enigma

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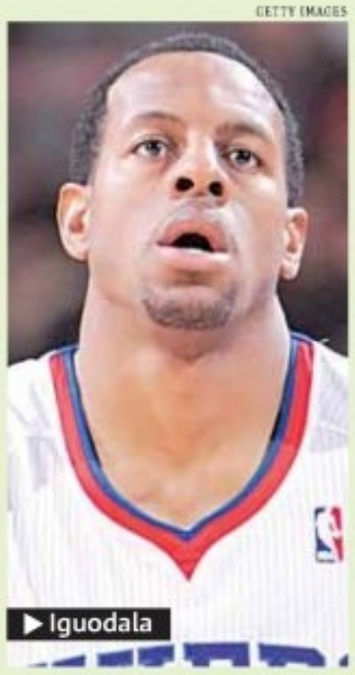

▶ Iguodala

For one brief, shining moment — five seconds, to be exact — Andre Iguodala was everything we had hoped he would be. He ripped down a rebound, raced up the court, charged at the basket and drew a foul. Then he swished two free throws, won a playoff series and spoke eloquently about his heroics.

Who was this man? And where has he been hiding? Before Game 6 of the Chicago series, Iguodala was a true basketball enigma, blessed with athleticism but with no heart to match it. No player in Philadelphia has been less reliable with the game on the line.

And then suddenly he made one of the most spectacular and courageous plays in Sixers history. There was no logical explanation for it, though he did provide one for the two perfect free throws that followed. He said Tony Battie told him to visualize teaching foul shooting to his son when he was in a key spot. What Iguodala never explained is why he waited for the sixth game of the NBA playoffs to try it.

Immediately after the big game, the media drones proclaimed that Iguodala was the most underappreciated player in our city, and that this was a new, improved version. Could this game turn around his entire career in Philadelphia?

Uh, no. In Game 1 against Boston, Iguodala had some brilliant moments, but not when it counted most. Don't expect another magical five seconds from Andre Iguodala anytime soon.

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▶ Bryzgalov is the most interesting character in Philly sports.

Shut it, Bryz

After allowing one of the worst goals in Flyers history, Ilya Bryzgalov had some advice for the fans who care so much: Get a life. And now it's time to offer the $51-million goaltender two helpful tips of our own: Stop the puck and shut your mouth.

It's hardly a secret that Bryzgalov is unique. His diatribes on the vastness of the universe and his impromptu announcement that he was being benched in the Winter Classic are just two highlights. Hey, there's nothing wrong with showing your personality. But it is downright offensive when an athlete pockets a treasure chest of American dollars and then passes negative judgment on the culture that provided that bounty. In his parting message to fans, he said they expect players to be robots, that their passion suffocated him.

Bryzgalov displayed this generosity of spirit by blowing off a Philly media that had covered his exploits in a fair and responsible way and speaking only to a reporter from a Soviet agency. And he can't understand why we refuse to console him?

Ilya Bryzgalov is funny, puzzling, emotional, unpredictable. But he needs to learn one more lesson. When you rip the customers, you're just asking for trouble.

Idle thoughts from Cataldi

1 Who are we dealing with? Is it possible to look dumber than Nationals GM Mike Rizzo did after the Cole Hamels beanball incident? Among his rants, Rizzo said Hamels "doesn't know who he's dealing with." Oh, really? Aren't we talking about the Nationals, a loser in all seven seasons of its existence?

2 Give us a date, Chase. It is now mid-May and Chase Utley says there is still no timetable for his return. Hmmm. Does he realize that there is a timetable for the season? It's called a schedule. And if he doesn't set a goal for his return, the last few weeks are not going to mean anything to the Phillies.

3 No bull. A special thank you goes out to Tom Thibodeau, the Bulls coach who did everything wrong in his first-round series with the Sixers. He left Derrick Rose in too long, had no defense on the key drive by Andre Iguodala, and had no timeouts at the end. Who is Thibodeau's advisor, Eddie Jordan?

Injured

Miami's Bosh out for Game 2

Heat forward Chris Bosh is sidelined indefinitely after an MRI revealed an abdominal strain.

Miami went 4-5 this season in nine games without Bosh. Ronny Turiaf and Joel Anthony are expected to take his minutes.

He suffered the injury in Sunday's 95-86 Game 1 win over the Indiana Pacers. Game 2 is scheduled for today (7 p.m., TNT).

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Struggling Phils 'pen needs to turn corner

Charlie Manuel can find the silver lining in the darkest cloud. The Phillies' skipper admits that his bullpen, save closer Jonathan Papelbon, has been the club's albatross.

According to Manuel, the 'pen has given away seven or eight games. However, Manuel is cautiously optimistic about his relief corps.

"I think things will get better there," Manuel said. "We've got to get [Jake] Diekman and [Raul] Valdes in some games. I'm sure we'll get that chance soon and we'll see how they do. That could help."

Diekman, who along with Valdes was called up from Lehigh Valley on Friday, admits that he'll have some butterflies prior to making his major league debut.

"I hope I'm not too nervous when I go out there for the first time," Diekman said. "I just hope to pitch like I'm capable of pitching."

Manuel believes most of his relievers can get better, even Jose Contreras, with a 9.00 ERA.

"He [Contreras] has shown us that his stuff is there now and then," Manuel said. "He just hasn't been consistent. We still think we can get him right and pitch like he should."

Ditto Antonio Bastardo.

"He's better," Manuel said. "He's a little up in the strike zone. When he's pitching good, his fastball is down and has good movement. He might need still need a little work. But I think we're getting there."

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Game 2: Sixers 82, Celtics 81 (series tied, 1-1) **Game 3: Tomorrow**

Sixers find way in another close game

Series even after 82-81 Philly win Shifts to Wells Fargo Center for Game 3 What we saw in Game 2:

1 STEPPING UP. Certain players on both teams seemed to shrink offensively in Game 1. In Game 2, players stepped up when needed. For the Sixers, it was Jrue Holiday. He drained a couple of 3-pointers early, which kept the Sixers in it. He finished with a game-high 18 points on 7-of-15 shooting. For Boston, Mickael Pietrus came out of his postseason slump by draining two huge 3-pointers to start the fourth quarter. That helped bring the Celtics back from an eight-point deficit and make it a game down the stretch.

2 UGLY BASKETBALL. Breaking news: The Celtics and 76ers just exchanged turnovers, followed by bricks off the backboard. Seriously, it was that type of game for three and a half quarters, as neither team could get anything going. The Celtics shot just 4-of-17 in the third quarter, and went into the fourth shooting 34 percent. The Sixers also started the second badly, but an Andre Iguodala circus layup seemed to spark them. They went into the fourth quarter with momentum, but lost it quickly in the fourth.

3 ROAD HOUSE. Perhaps no game in the series (aside from Game 7, obviously) is more important than Game 2, and the Sixers found a way to win it on the road. It was the Celtics' duty to protect home court. They didn't. Now, it's up to the Celtics to take it back with at least one win in the next two games. The Sixers did it like they have all season: great defense, offense from top to bottom. Ray Allen led the Celtics with 17 points off the bench, while Kevin Garnett added 15 points and 12 rebounds.

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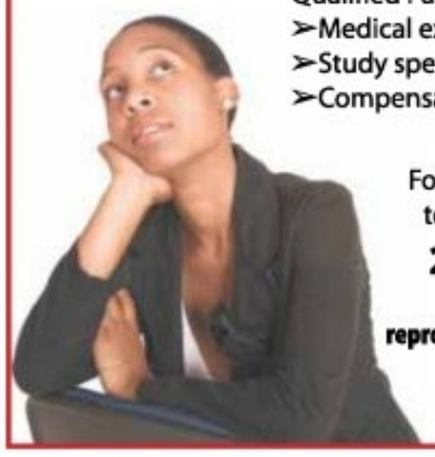

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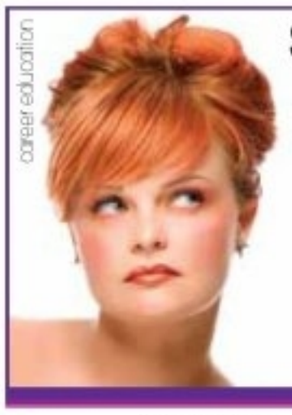

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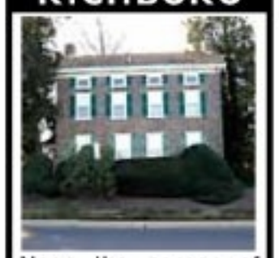

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